(b) if so, what are its recommendations; and

(c) what decisions have been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) No Committee has been appointed to carry out feasibility study of a low cost airline. However, a Committee has been constituted to study the modalities of low cost operations from Kerala to Gulf under the aegis of Air India Charters Ltd. This Committee has yet to finalise its report. Final decision will be taken after ascertaining the financial and economic viability of the project.

Additional flights to Jammu and Kashmir

890. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the frequency of flights to Jammu and Kashmir due to heavy rush of tourists in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when additional flights are likely to resume?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines has no plans to increase the services to/from Jammu & Kashmir, at present. Indian Airlines, however, operates additional flights to Jammu & Kashmir depending on the passenger demand from time to time. Such flights were operated to Leh during Sindhu Darshan festival in June 2003 and to Srinagar for Amarnath Yatra in July 2003.

Compensation for land acquired for Airport projects

†891. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether private land has been acquired by Government for expansion of airports in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether land of some farmers has been acquired by Government for expansion of airport situated in Dehradun; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.